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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar:—"May I know whether population is the only consideration?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Yes, Sir; under the existing rules, population is the consideration."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether there is any proposal before the Government to reduce the number of the population limit with regard to school centres?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"There is no such proposal under consideration."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"With regard to at least the backward communities, Sir?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"With regard to none."

Proposed use of the buildings of the Government School of Commerce for the Training School for men, Calicut.

* 358 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the accommodation for the Government Training School for men, Calicut, is adequate;

(*b*) whether the District Educational Officer, Malabar, suggested at any time the use of the buildings of the Government School of Commerce, Calicut, for the use of the Training School for men, during the period of the day when the commercial school is not in session;

(*c*) what the hours of working of the School of Commerce are;

(*d*) what the decision of the Government is on the subject; and

(*e*) whether there is a proposal to change the working hours of the Government School of Commerce, Calicut?

A.—(*a*) The accommodation is considered fairly satisfactory.

(*b*) Yes. The Director of Public Instruction, however, was of the view that the existing accommodation will suffice for the present on the execution of certain minor improvements which have been carried out.

(*c*) The typewriting class is held from 7-45 to 10-45 a.m. and from 3-30 to 7-30 p.m. The other classes are held from 7-45 to 9-45 a.m. and from 4-30 to 7-30 p.m.

(*d*) Does not arise.

(*e*) No.

List of Government Training Schools for Women in the Presidency.

* 359 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of Government training schools for women in this Presidency on 1st March 1931;

(*b*) the strength of the secondary, higher elementary and lower elementary training classes in each of these schools on 1st March 1931;

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(c) the expenditure from Provincial funds on each of these training schools during 1930–31;

(d) the approximate cost of training a student for each of these schools for 1930–31; and

(e) whether there are any proposals for abolishing any of these schools in connexion with the proposals for retrenchment of public expenditure and amalgamating the classes in those schools with the classes of neighbouring schools?

A.—(a) to (d) The hon. Member is referred to the subsidiary tables at pages 130–132 of Part II of Volume II of the Report on Public Instruction for 1929–30. Information for 1930–31 is not available.

(e) The answer is in the negative.

Personnel of the Board of Examiners for Shorthand and Typewriting.

* 360 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) who are the members of the Board of Examiners for Shorthand and Typewriting;

(b) what is the principle underlying the selection of the Board of Examiners and the Assistant Examiners; and

(c) what are the qualifications of Assistant Examiners in each case?

A.—(a) & (c) The information asked for is confidential.

(b) When selecting examiners and assistant examiners, particular account is taken of their knowledge and practical experience, their status and their capacity to discharge the responsible work entrusted to them.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know the qualifications which decide the selection of these examiners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Oh yes; they must have knowledge of the subjects, practical experience, and they must have the capacity to discharge their responsible work as examiners."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Is it not a fact that thoroughly unqualified people are examiners now?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"No, Sir."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"Of the present examiners, how many are Brahmans and how many are non-Brahmans?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am not prepared to disclose who are all the examiners, nor can I give the communities to which they belong."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Is it a fact that not less than two have been there for seven or eight years as examiners?"